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## **Rep. Cody Horlacher Votes in Favor of 2015-2017 Biennial Budget**

Representative Cody Horlacher (R-Mukwonago) voted in favor of the 2015-2017 Biennial Budget. After months of soliciting constituent input and much debate, the budget bill contains government reforms that will benefit the district as well as the entire state. Prevailing wage reform exempts local municipalities and school districts from paying inflated costs of construction. This will save local municipalities, school districts, and ultimately the taxpayer millions of dollars.

Other benefits of the bill include maintaining key provisions of self-directed services that are part of the IRIS program, another two years of frozen tuition for UW System students, statewide school choice, no increases in property taxes, and lowering total bonding to the lowest levels in thirty years.

Three of the issues Horlacher specifically fought hard over include ensuring services for IRIS enrollees were protected, taking out the alternative teacher licensure proposal, and leaving workers compensation as part of the Department of Workforce Development. In all three instances the final version that was voted on was closer to the proposals Horlacher was championing.

***“Ultimately, there is still more that needs to be done on behalf of my constituents and taxpayers of the state and I will continue to fight for them in Madison. This budget, while far from perfect, advances reforms to taxes and government that my district sent me to deal with. I appreciate all of my constituents who reached out to me over the last few months to share their thoughts and concerns,” Horlacher said.***

The budget will now go to Governor Scott Walker for signature.

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